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Upper Intermediate Student’s Book

Life

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**A:** People are never quite what you expect, are they? There’s a teacher that I work with who’s really quite a shy person … never expresses a strong view or imposes herself in a group. I worked with her for about a year before I found out that every weekend she becomes a street performer.

**B:** What kind of street performer?

**A:** Well, she turns out to be some kind of acrobat. She was brought up in a circus and she still gets together at weekends with friends and puts on shows of circus skills with them in public places, like a busy shopping street on a Saturday afternoon. She doesn’t do it for money – just for fun. But it’s not what you imagine her doing when you meet her …

**B:** That sounds a bit like my neighbour. He works for a firm of accountants, watches a lot of sport, but in his free time he writes poetry. I don’t think many people have read it, because he’s rather private, but he showed me a poem a while ago that he wrote when his little boy was sick in hospital and it was absolutely beautiful …